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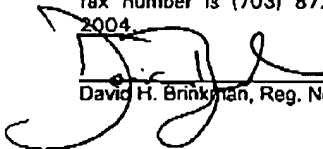
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Applicants: Niday et al.
Serial No.: 10/082,378
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
2. _____ Small Entity status is claimed.
 X Other than a Small Entity.
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

(a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00
four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00

Attached is a check in the amount of \$_____ for the three month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c).

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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_____ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

OR

(b) XX Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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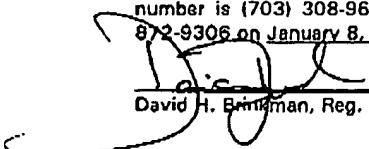
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2003, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.